

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 388

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cicely Woodard on her receipt of the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Cicely Woodard is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Cicely Woodard has recently been selected to receive the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence from the NEA Foundation, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, selected from among dozens of educators by an expert panel, the five national recipients of the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence receive \$10,000 and special recognition at the NEA Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education Gala; and

WHEREAS, a math teacher at Freedom Middle School in Franklin, Ms. Woodard has worked diligently to connect to her students in unique ways, such as having her class take walks together every day and giving real world examples of math, as well as hands-on activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woodard is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cicely Woodard is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cicely Woodard truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Cicely Woodard on her receipt of the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.